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## STATE OF ALABAMA

August 11, 2009

Mr. Larry Strickling  
Administrator  
National Telecommunication and Information Administrator  
1401 Constitution Ave., NW  
Washington, DC 20230-0001

Dear Mr. Strickling:

This letter hereby designates the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA), a member of the Alabama Broadband Initiative Advisory Board (ALBI), and acting as fiscal agent of ALBI and on behalf of ALBI and the Office of the Governor of Alabama, as the designated single eligible entity in the state to apply for and receive federal funds under the State Broadband Data and Development Grant Program pursuant to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), P.L. 111-5 and the Broadband Data Improvement Act (BDIA), Title 1 of P.L. 110-385, 122 Stat. 4096. The Alabama Broadband Initiative was established by Executive Order 42, dated May 22, 2008, a copy of which is attached hereto.

The BDIA indicates that states can designate one single eligible entity to conduct broadband mapping for the state. Further, the Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA) issued by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) on July 1, 2009 expressly allows for a state agency to be such a designated entity for the state.<sup>1</sup> According to the NOFA, applications for funding under the BDIA and ARRA require every eligible applicant to submit a letter of state designation.<sup>2</sup> This letter is intended to serve that purpose for the State of Alabama.

Should you have any inquiries or questions regarding this matter, you can contact Mrs. Kathy Johnson, Director of the Alabama Broadband Initiative, at (334) 353-8760 or [Kathy.johnson@governor.alabama.gov](mailto:Kathy.johnson@governor.alabama.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bob Riley". The signature is stylized, with a large, sweeping "B" and "R".

Bob Riley  
Governor of Alabama

<sup>1</sup> Docket No. 0660-ZA29, Department of Commerce, National Telecommunications and Information Administration State Broadband Data and Development Grant Program Notice of Funds Availability, V(A)(a)(ii).

<sup>2</sup> VI(C) of Docket No. 0660-ZA-29.